



ANN BULLER

Ann Buller quits SAC

By SANDRA KISH
Staff Writer

Ann Buller has resigned as Student Administrative Council activities co-ordinator. The resignation becomes effective Feb. 7.

Ann said she has resigned for "personal reasons", but would not go into detail.

Ann, Niagara's first full-time activities programmer, decided to resign 10 days ago and handed her resignation to John Turner, SAC president, on Friday, Jan. 24. John "didn't say anything" when she gave it to him, "but we have had discussions since."

John had no comment to make on Ann's resignation at this time.

After a great deal of discussion on the subject, last year's SAC decided to accept a full-time programmer on a trial basis for the 1985-86 school year after the college administration had agreed to the idea.

PAID FROM SURPLUS

It was decided the programmer would be paid from accumulated surplus funds which then amounted to more than \$30,000. Ann signed a nine-month contract for \$15,000.

Asked who would be taking over for her, Ann said Ron Vahrmeier, SAC social convener, would be, with help from Donna Flutur, the SAC secretary, "because Donna knows so much of what I've been doing. She's in the office all the time."

"Actually, things are pretty well planned for the rest of the semester," Ann said. She has already arranged the week-long

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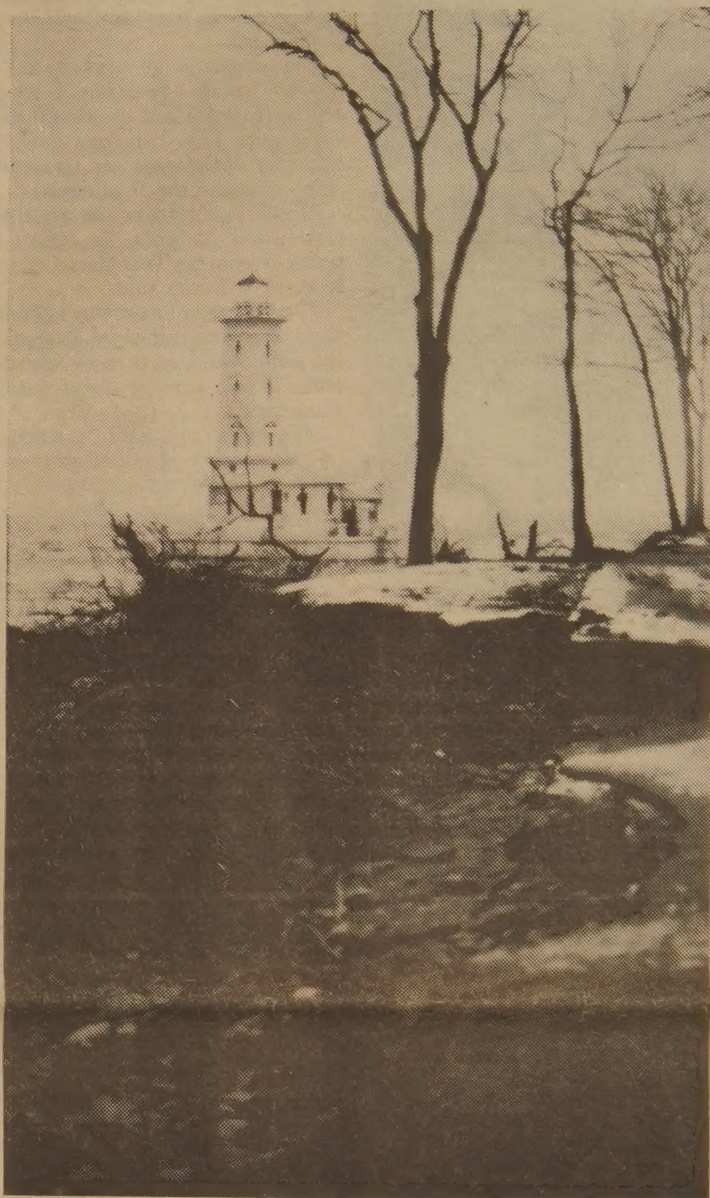
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maybe dry and wilder

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Storm damages lighthouse

Severe winter storm leaves its mark on the scenic Point Abino light house and its environ. Work crews will be busy for some time cleaning up the area and restoring it to its former state.

Photo by Joe McCarthy

Florida winter break

Luxury vacation for only a buck

Ambulance students are raffling off a vacation package to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, — a week in the south, transportation, hotel and \$300 spending money — all for \$1.

The trip is for the week of winter break from Feb. 28 to March 8.

The students are raising money towards paying for the ambulance they hope their program will get next

week.

"Proto Tours (a travel agency out of Toronto) donated the tour to us," Tad Nelson, vice-representative of the Ambulance class, said. "We're aiming to sell 3,000 tickets at a buck a piece. We plan on raising every penny ourselves."

Ticket sales have been brisk. The winning ticket will be drawn Feb. 21.

SAC holds back \$, Que. trip in doubt

BY WAYNE NICHOLLS
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Frenchship Club has requested the same club allocation as last year for a trip to Quebec that has become a college tradition. But it is being turned down because of Student Administrative Council budget cuts and a new SAC policy regarding club allocations.

SAC cut the total club budget from \$12,000 last year to \$5,000 this year because of additional costs, Wayne Willis, executive vice-president said.

The Frenchship club requested \$1,200, the same allocation they received since 1979, for a trip to Quebec in March. SAC informed them in December they would receive only \$150.

Dennis Malone, chairman communications, social sciences and general studies, acting on behalf of the 30-member club, requested SAC to reconsider its decision because the money is necessary for the trip to go on.

"This is not emotional blackmail," Mr. Malone told SAC at its Jan. 23 council meeting. "The critical issue is that it is a legitimate activity and this is the ninth year they made the trip with SAC's support."

CUT EXPENSES

"The college pays for the teacher's expense, the club has fundraising activities and (the 20 students going) pay about \$210 of their own money," Mr. Malone said. "They also travel at night, sleeping on the train, stay at a youth hostel and eat at McDonald's to cut down on expenses."

Wayne said his club budget has been slashed and the new club

allocation policy is better than in the past years.

"Everyone involved with clubs knows the club budget was cut to \$5,800 from \$12,000 last year," Wayne said. "We have had additional costs, one being the activities co-ordinator, and club allocations is one of the areas we had to flex."

He said the old SAC policy of club money being distributed on a first come, first served basis was changed so now all clubs are treated equally.

"I asked for all clubs to hand in a membership list, added the total members from all clubs and divided it into \$5,800," Wayne said. "It works out to be \$5 going back to each member or \$250 maximum for the club. We cannot justify giving the Frenchship Club \$1,200 which is \$60 for each person going."

WHY SHIFT?

Mr. Malone said the biggest question is why SAC has shifted away from club activities. "Other clubs are also asking that their allocation be restored," he said.

"My concern is their decision jeopardizes this particular field trip in an area (French and English) that is important to keep involvement," Mr. Malone said. "The club has been going since 1969, when the college opened, and they received at least \$1,000 a year from SAC since 1977."

If the trip is to go on as planned, the students will have to spend about \$60 of their own money, Mr. Malone said.

"It will be more of a hardship. The irony of the whole thing is the club plans to meet with the student council from one of the colleges in Quebec. I wonder what they will think of our SAC."

SAC takes legal steps against business club

The Student Administrative Council has sent registered letters to the president of the Niagara Business Management Association and its executive members citing concerns about the club's finances.

The letters are a way of showing SAC's concerns officially while taking the first step into legal action, Ken Winer, vice-president of internal affairs, said.

SAC has been waiting for Dino Giammarco, NBMA president, to bring in the club's books since Jan. 10 after some members voiced their concerns about the club's standing.

"The letter to Dino says he and his executive are being held responsible for any money that may be missing from the club's account," Ken said.

SAC received a \$166 bill from Farr's Coach Lines for a Nov. 14 club trip to the Toronto Stock Exchange. Ken said SAC is investigating allegations that no winner was declared in a club-sponsored raffle for a bicycle or if the NBMA even purchased a bike.

"The debt for the bus will be paid from the NBMA's \$250 club allocation but we are still waiting for Dino to bring in the books," Wayne Willis, executive vice-president, said.

Ken said he has heard from "a concerned member" that "the bike was not raffled off and not all of the money was handed in."

Dino, third-year financial management student, could not be reached by the Niagara News for comment.

Portable computer improves students' grades: Bert Mills

By SEAN CONDON
Staff Writer

Mechanical engineering technology students will never wait in line again to get homework done. Personal computers have made queues for time on a college computer a thing of the past.

A plan started last September has added the Radio Shack Tandy 100 computer to the list of required course materials. Known as "pico" units, the computers are purchased on lease-to-own basis. Students own the computers by paying \$86 a semester in a three-year course.

"Now we can do machine shop homework at home," Dan Fournier, 20, a first-year mechanical engineering technology student, said.

Working at home is one of the conveniences the picos offer. About the size of a three-ring binder and only a bit heavier, the picos are like advanced notebooks which can store program information.

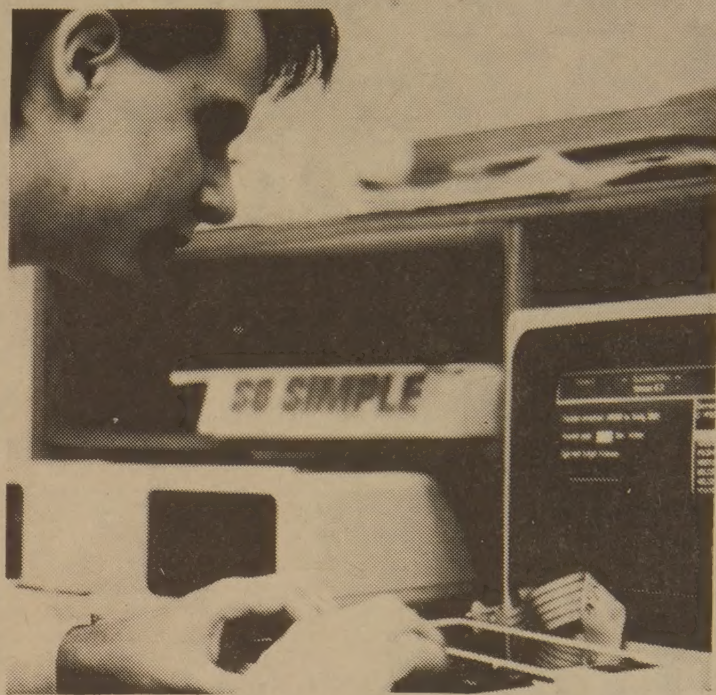
"Before the picos, we just muddled through," Bert Mills, the instructor who instituted the plan, said. "There weren't enough terminals available for students to do extra computation."

EVEN MARKS IMPROVE

Mr. Mills credits pico use with breaking down any student fears about computers and said unit training has "even been able to improve student grades 15 to 20 per cent as compared to the last four or five years."

Students who had never worked with a computer found the adjustment a slightly harrowing test of patience. "The most time-consuming part was the debugging of it," first year student Steve Burrows, 23, said.

Feeling out the limits of the computers was not the only problem. The students had to learn how to set up their own programs—right from the beginning. "They (instructors) would



Dan Fournier, a first-year mechanical engineering technology student, hooks his portable Tandy 100 computer into the main system in his classroom. Dan and his classmates are the first of their program to use the Tandys, known as picocomputers, to get work done.

Photo by Sean Condon

give us assignments and the basic programs, leave it to that and leave us on our own," Steve said.

"We pretty well learned from the book and each other," 19-year-old Clark Spiece said. The book is the instruction manual. Clark, Steve and Dan said the manual's easy-to-read format was a big help.

So was the assistance of George Duczmal, a graduate of the college's computer engineering technology program who now works as a technician.

"He really helped us out," Steve said. "He would work out a program but instead of telling us, he'd just hint at it. It pushed us to learn."

The three mentioned the computer's drawbacks—expenses and small memory—but said the pros

outweighed the cons. Steve said he and his classmates may soon be able to plug their programs directly into the equipment in the college's numerical control labs.

"I hope they continue," Dan said of the pico experiment. "It's the future."

ERT by another name could improve image

Graduates of Niagara's ERT program may soon be called Educational and Special Needs Workers and not Educational Resources Technicians if program co-ordinator Elvira Lucas and the college advisory committee have their way.

The name change has been approved by the President's Executive Council and the Board of Governors but it is up to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to make the final decision.

People are getting the wrong impression of what an Educational Resources Technician really is, Mrs. Lucas said.

"The concern has always been about the word technical. It gives the public the idea that we spend most of our time working with equipment."

Mrs. Lucas said ERT "is a people program" and although they do work with some equipment, it just enhances what they have already learned.

The name change should increase the number of students applying for the program by giving them a better picture of what the program really is, Mrs. Lucas said.

The first is learning to work within the educational system as a teacher's aide or working with small groups of students experiencing learning problems.

The second is learning to work in residential facilities or group homes for the physically and mentally handicapped.

"The program is educationally based," Mrs. Lucas said. "It has a strong foundation to teach others to help themselves."

Mrs. Lucas feels the name change will increase job opportunities by making employers more aware of students' qualifications.

"Employers will get the benefit of the students' training with people."

Mrs. Lucas said it was difficult to create a short name because the program covers such a wide scope of exposures and opportunities.

"It is a name (Educational and Special Needs Worker) that is somewhat explanatory," Mrs. Lucas said. "Since it is a unique program we feel confident the name will be approved."

Look-a-like

Be a celebrity look-a-like and win a cash prize at the Aquaduck Feb. 5. Students must be Niagara College students and will be judged individually and in groups. It is a good opportunity for Niagara College clubs to make extra money.

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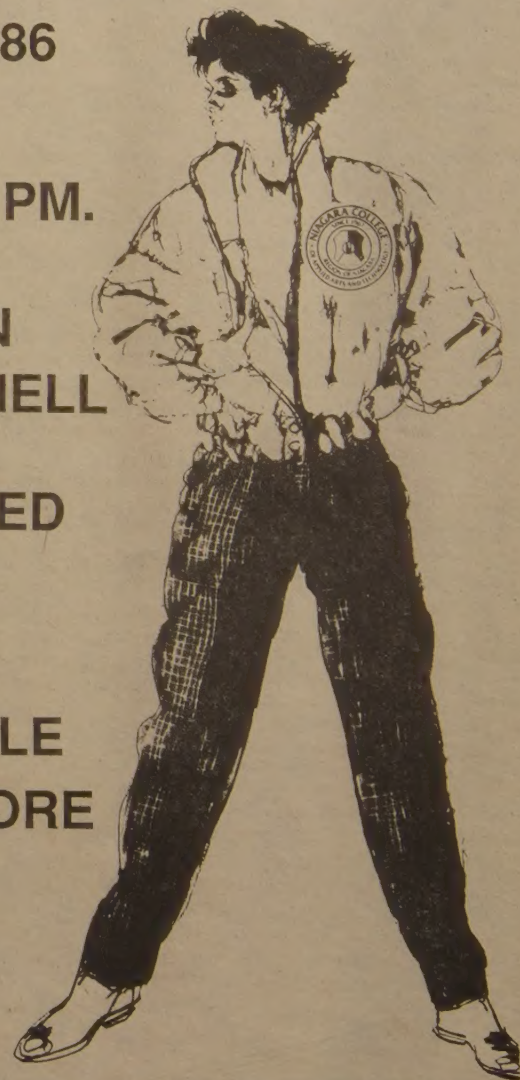
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SAC pub controversy may end in cash loss

The Student Administrative Council has yet to decide whether to keep having on-campus pubs. The possibility of cancelling on-campus pubs was discussed at a SAC meeting, Jan. 23.

SAC president John Turner prefers off-campus pubs because "you can see different areas of the region; there are less risks and less headaches."

Ann Buller, activities co-ordinator, said the student council cannot decide whether or not it wants pubs on campus.

"If they can't make a decision and stick to it, I can't keep going back to the bands," Ann said, referring to her arranging to have bands play at on-campus pubs. "I will not inform another band about a change in plans." She had to cancel the Secret Lives pub scheduled for Dec. 13 because so few students bought tickets and SAC did not want to risk losing money.

Ann said she regrets spending so much time on the insurance policy which made on-campus pubs possible.

REGRETS WASTE

"I regret that we did all that work and there is a possibility on-campus pubs will be cancelled," Ann said. SAC paid about \$3,980 for a \$6 million liability policy. of

this premium \$1,000 is used specifically for on-campus pubs.

"Why did we get the insurance in the first place?" Ann said. "We've thrown away \$1,000 on the policy. It was an unwise move." If on-campus pubs are cancelled, SAC will get back part of the \$1,000.

The Jeffrey and The Juniors pub, Feb. 19, will go ahead as planned. Ann would like student feedback about the pubs and is following through with a survey done last term which has shown students would like a variety of on and off-campus pubs.

MAINLY FINANCIAL

John said the reason for cancelling on-campus pubs is mainly a financial one.

"I have mixed feelings about it right now," John said. "We'll see how the pub goes on Feb. 19." Ken Winer, vice-president of internal affairs, is working on a report including previous experiences, financial figures, losses, profits and attendance figures of on-campus pubs.

It is up to the student council, in which Ann does not have a vote, to vote on the decision to have on-campus pubs. The vote may take place at SAC's next meeting.

Donor clinic draws more blood than ever

With the best success in five years under their belt, and topping their 1986 goal, organizers of the Jan. 23 Blood Donor Clinic awarded the Corpsuckle Cup to the ambulance and emergency care program for the fourth year running.

Three hundred and eighteen units of blood were donated to the Red Cross - that's 43 units more than last year, and 18 units more than this year's goal.

The percentage of donating college population was 9.73, also

higher than last year. Two hundred were first-time donors.

Of ambulance students, 94.4 per cent showed up to donate, thus winning the Corpsuckle Cup for the highest donation rate according to percentage. Second runners-up were the law and security administration program, with 41.5 per cent of a group of 200.

Eugene Maltais, teacher, and inventor of the Cup, said, "By far the most pints of blood (83) were given by the law and security students. Very good showings were also made by the health sciences preparatory option students (18 pints), general college students (12 pints), marketing management (11 pints), dental hygiene (11 pints), and electrical engineering (10 pints)."

63rd DONATION

Brian Millard, a teacher in the school of business, donated for the 63rd time, though he has never received blood in his life. He said unlike in the United States, where people must solicit their own donors or pay for blood, "318 people (at Niagara) have made it possible for others to get blood free when they need it."

He said the onus is on people who can donate to do so as often as possible, particularly in light of the increasing threat of blood-transmitted diseases such as AIDS.

Mr. Millard began regular blood donations as a 17-year-old Atlas Steel employee. Twenty-nine years and a lot of pints later, he said, "At 17 it was almost a game. You got two hours off work... and you figured, why not?" After donating a couple of times, he realized the hour of time it takes is well worth the effort.

"It's one of those things you can do that is worthwhile," he said. "Haven't we all had a friend or a relative in a bad accident in need of surgery and blood?"

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If negotiations go well, the Ambulance and Emergency Care program will take delivery of this high-rise van ambulance this week. The estimated

\$6,500 cost will be covered by ambulance students themselves, as they launch a series of fund-raisers including a raffle for a vacation package to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Communist responds to charges

A man ejected from Niagara College property by police while he distributed Marxist literature last December says he was a registered student at the time. He gave the Niagara News a photocopy of a student registration card bearing his name.

Ronald Walker, an activist with the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), was ordered to leave college property by Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of Educational and Student Services. The order was carried out by Hugo Bessems, student liaison officer, who said he tried to be tactful with Mr. Walker.

"He gave me a hard time," Mr. Bessems said. "The police did escort him off campus. As far as the computer is concerned, he is not a student, unless, of course, I have made an error."

A letter, hand-delivered to the Niagara News by Mr. Walker Jan. 29, bore a photocopy of his student card which shows he was registered with the continuing education department for the fall 1985 session.

In the letter, Mr. Walker said he did not cause a disturbance in any building on campus, nor did he disrupt any classes. He said he limited his activities to areas out of doors.

He said, too, that he has not received a reply to his letter protesting his dismissal which he sent to Jacqueline Roberts, college president.

Defence course for women begins

Wen-Do self defence courses for women will resume for the winter in Niagara Falls beginning today, CARSA (Niagara Regional Sexual Assault Centre), said. Four courses will be available. For more information call 356-6222 or 356-9662.

Ambulance arrives for real-life training

Students in the Emergency Care program are expecting to take delivery of an ambulance some time this week, Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of the Ambulance and Emergency Care program, said.

Negotiations between the Ontario Ministry of Health and the Department of Health Sciences are nearly complete, with the Emergency Care program virtually assured the ambulance is theirs.

"We've been told we're going to get it," Mr. Adamson said. "We should be buying it outright."

Fund-raising

The ambulance will cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000. The Ambulance students agreed beforehand to shoulder the expense by organizing a series of fund-raising events.

The addition of the ambulance is expected to enhance the quality of education.

"What we'd like to do is give our students experience working on a patient in a moving vehicle," Mr. Adamson said. "It's one thing to perform CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) on a mannequin in a stationary position. It's quite another to do the same going over railroad tracks, pot holes and around corners on a real patient."

The final cost depends on how much body work the high-rise van needs plus the cost of licensing, Mr. Adamson said.

Permission has been received from Fred Habermehl, dean of Applied Arts and Health Sciences, for the re-allocation of funds from the Emergency Care supplies account toward the purchase of the ambulance, provided the money is paid back.

Threatening letter gets response from director

The first-year radio and television broadcasting students would like to inform those protesting the format of Niagara College's radio station, CRNC, that they, too, have "no real say" as to what is played.

A group calling itself the Radio Liberation Army (RLA) slid a letter under the door of Niagara News Jan. 22 demanding their desire for changes in format at CRNC be published. If their demands were not met, they promised serious consequences.

Responding to the threat from the RLA to "play better tunes or else," Sheila Cassidy and D. L. Webster delivered a note to the Niagara News saying they "want to sing a different tune." They would like to see more Top-40 rock

and less adult/contemporary programming.

"We ourselves would like to see a format change, yet this matter would have to be discussed with the program department heads."

Student program director Kevin Caldwell said any students who would like to comment on the format should write the station or drop in and discuss their views.

He said the format is what the students wanted. "We can't please everyone. We went to the halls and took a survey. The students wanted classic rock-and-roll and that is what we play. Besides, many radio stations have a format similar to ours. Our instructors don't force us to play an arbitrary format; it is a learning vehicle."

Editorials

Food for thought

Soon refrigerators will no longer need the light that comes on inside when the door is opened; the food will take care of that by the radiation it will give off.

The Canadian government has approved the irradiation of foods, which will increase the shelf-life. All the irradiated food, thank goodness, will be recognizable by a symbol which looks uncannily like a skull and cross-bones.

Irradiation seems like a costly and self-defeating means of extending the shelf-life of foodstuffs. Proponents of process think it is a fantastic phenomenon and of great benefit to food stores. At the same time, the irradiation centres will be so few to begin with that it will negate the supposed benefits. The time it will take to transport the food to these centres and back to the store will effectively use up the few days of shelf-life gained.

In Canada the maximum amount of irradiation allowed is 10 times higher than the legal U. S. limit. At first, the Canadian level is not so alarmingly high until compared with the supposedly low American level, which happens to be 500,000 times greater than the amount of radiation one gets from an X-ray.

The question is: Can we avoid such a "phenomenon?" Officials have said the food which has been irradiated will be labelled, but another question is raised; how are people going to know whether the food they are being served has been irradiated or not?

It seems unlikely we will be able to stop this extendable shelf-life method from getting under our skin in one way or another, but it is a serious health matter and the people should have a say.

Our government recognizes the potential health hazards but shrugs it off and asks: What doesn't possess some kind of risk?

O Canada, we stand on guard...

Karolin Alkerton

Putting it off

Ah, February, the shortest and the longest month of the year. A month to start thinking of spring and the end of school and ... job-hunting.

Procrastinators hate February. To them it means 28 miserable days of putting off and then mulling over what has to be done. Thinking of what has to be done isn't an easy task. Doing what has to be done is even harder.

It starts with organization. Putting all other things out of mind except the task at hand. In job-hunting that means making a complete assessment of skills, qualifications and interests.

Preparing a resume and consulting with counsellors are integral parts of job-searching and should be done early. Two weeks before graduation is too late.

Students need not fear the end of school. Job-hunting is never a "piece of cake" but it can be made a little easier if it is looked at from the right perspective.

A qualified college graduate has developed unique skills and attributes just by attending a post-secondary institution. All that is left to do is use them, and that can only be accomplished if an effective job-hunt is started.

Looking for a job is a full-time job in itself, and should be treated that way. Get going! Procrastination is an awful affliction Niagara College graduates need not suffer from.

Ellen Rodger

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Letters

Hard work draws blood

Dear Editor:

"Only at Niagara College do we see such line-ups at a Blood Donor Clinic." This remark, made by a Red Cross Nurse, was overheard at the recent Blood Donor Clinic.

These line-ups do not just happen by chance. They happen because of:

*Austin Jelbert and Barbara Blue, who made the decision to go with a special edition of the Niagara News

*Karolin Alkerton, who wrote a first rate front page story promoting the clinic;

*Jan Potton, who mobilized the second-year Law and Security students to publicize the clinic through posters and handouts, Vlad the Vampire and the country beauties;

*Sandy Kamphuis and, John Turner at SAC, who were responsible for the set-up and smooth operation of the clinic;

*all the co-ordinators and teachers who coaxed, threatened and cajoled their students to make the effort;

*most of all to a lot of caring students, faculty and staff who rolled up their sleeves and literally gave of themselves.

To all of the above, someone, somewhere says a quiet "Thank you."

Sincerely,
Eugene Maltais



Students view exhibit

The work of Dennis Cahill, photographer for the St. Catharines Standard, is contemplated by Gordon Lawson, photography instructor, Niagara College, Angus Gillespie and Ellen Rodger, journalism students at Rodman Hall Arts Centre, St. Catharines. The exhibit runs from January 12 to February 2.

Photo by Joe McCarthy

In college libraries

Books, magazines need few repairs

The Library of Congress in the United States has been battling a problem with their books — and losing.

It has been discovered that an acid used in the paper making process has a degenerative effect on the paper after a number of years.

Classical works, old and irreplaceable, are literally crumbling away into dust, and apparently nothing can be done to stop the process.

For the time being, Niagara College resource centres have nothing to worry about.

No problem

Dale Zinatelli, a library technician who repairs old, worn and vandalized books in the Welland Resource Centre, said Niagara College does not have that problem with its books. The college is not old enough.

Occasionally, books have to be discarded or replaced because

they become worn through use, or outdated, but Sandy Brooks, head library technician, said for the size of the library and the amount of use it gets, relatively few books need to be fixed or replaced.

Dumps few

"Very few actually go into the dump bin."

There is more of a problem with magazines being worn out and vandalized because they are easier to get at, she said.

Even after material is discarded, it is not always thrown away. Mrs. Brooks said teachers are given an opportunity to take books, and some programs take the old issues of magazines. Other libraries in the area are offered the material as well.

But not much is discarded either, she said, because of scarcity of funds to replace anything taken off the shelves.

Red Cross gives thanks for support

To students and staff of Niagara College,

The Welland Branch, Canadian Red Cross Society would like to thank all the donors and the student council for supporting the recent Jan. 23 Blood clinic.

It was a super clinic with 318 donors; there were 200 first-time donors included in that number.

A special thanks to the student council for the excellent jobs in organizing the clinic.

There was a critical shortage of blood and 300 units were needed to alleviate a very serious situation. Thank you, donors. It is because of you that someone will be given the gift of life.

We are planning another clinic at Niagara College in November, and again will be striving for 300 units.

My sincere gratitude,
Marjorie Frith
Clinic organizer

Focus

M-m-m-m good

By SANDRA KISH
Staff Writer

This is not another boring, traditional story about a brown furry marmot who purportedly peeks out of his burrow looking for his shadow so he may forecast the weather for the upcoming six weeks.

This will not be a long discourse on the varying legends behind the holiday, supported by facts from several different sources, most of them bearing the word encyclopedia somewhere in their title.

Every year there are some newspapers that go on about the origins of the annual event, how it is thought to have begun in England or Scotland or Germany, depending on the source used, brought about as the result of the Roman Catholic feast holiday Candlemas to aid peasants in knowing when to begin their spring planting.

Rhymes

They print the rhymes and ditties such as the old English song: If Candlemas be fair and bright,

Come, winter, have another flight;

If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,

Go, winter, and come not again.

They use the old Scottish saying —

*If Candlemas be fair,
there be two winters in the year.*

Most people know that Groundhog Day has become a North American tradition that focuses human hopes for fair weather on a small, fat animal that is not even aware of what is going on. They don't need to be told in yet another story.

There will be no quotes from Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Nor will there be any

from his Canadian cousin, Wiarton Willie from Wiarton, Ont., a small community 15 kilometres northwest of Owen Sound which celebrates the event with an annual Groundhog Day festival weekend with Willie's forecast as the highlight.

Legend

According to an article in the Globe and Mail, Wiarton has a genuine claim to their Groundhog Day report based on an Indian legend. The article cites a 700-year-old Mohawk legend about a brave who travelled north in search of food during a severe winter. He came to a land of "great forests and stone cliffs and frozen bays and lakes" — a description that apparently fits Wiarton. The brave, who was starving to death, suddenly saw a groundhog poke its head out of its burrow — he caught it and ate it, saving himself.

But this groundhog story is not about that either. This is for all those people out there who are ready to start a new tradition in their year, celebrating February the second in a new way, for those individuals ready for a change.

on Groundhog Day



Ah, so that's why

Every Feb. 2, Chuck Groundhog peeps out of his underground den. Interested onlookers and prediction-hungry weather forecasters think he is looking for his shadow, but Chuck has them fooled. Chuck is looking for a mate.

Groundhog mating season is a short two months, beginning in February. All over North America the furry thick-set marmots are popping out of holes on what is traditionally known as groundhog day.

Prophet

North American superstition has made the woodchuck a weather prophet. Chuck knows better. "The real reason I come out of hibernation is to look for women groundhogs, none of this hogwash about predicting the weather," he said.

Chuck considers himself a pretty intelligent groundhog, unlike

other groundhogs who live their entire lives in the wild, without any human contact. Chuck spends most of his time in a "red Tricil bin outside the A&P on Thorold Road. I'm fond of green vegetation and I get plenty of scraps in the bin," Chuck said.

Fun tradition

Every year as tradition dictates, Chuck pops out of a hole and pretends to be looking for his shadow. "I really have fun with the television weather people," he said. "It's got nothing to do with seeing my shadow. If I see snow I go back in. They don't know if I'm down there for six weeks."

At six-years-old, Chuck is getting tired of the groundhog life. "I've only got another two or three years left. I think it's about time I retire, move down to Florida and get a condo on the beach." But for now Chuck is busy preparing himself his sixth year of fooling the public.

Job survey indicates new trend

The results of a recent job survey may revitalize a proposal to add an insurance course to the business program — an idea which had been on the back burner for the last few years.

Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, said business school staff have talked in the past about offering insurance training, either as a separate course or as a component of existing courses, but the new survey results encourage the idea to add the training now.

Slight growth

While the survey projects slight or stagnant growth for most jobs it covered, such as bank clerks and management trainees, it cites a surge in demand for sales and marketing workers over the next three years. Insurance underwriting is a particularly high growth field, according to the survey.

The Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Committee's survey on jobs in government and finance is an "important college document," Mr. van der Slagt said. "It shows where jobs are and where training should be."

The business school is in the process of reviewing its sales and merchandising courses and an insurance component may be added, partly in response to the survey's "benchmark" findings, Mr. van der Slagt said.

The NITAC survey gives a good "data base" for adjusting Niagara's program to meet industry needs, Mr. van der Slagt said.

Patterns

Sales and marketing graduates are employed "all over the place — wherever a product or service must be sold." A look at placement patterns and consultations with the program advisory committee will help determine if an insurance course will be offered.

The fourth in a series of five college-sponsored surveys called Where the Jobs Are, this survey gives the college "good general contacts" in the business community as well as a starting point for discussions on program changes, Mr. van der Slagt said. "It is an important document for the college."

Food banks

Community effort makes project work for underprivileged, needy people

By JOSEPH MCCARTHY
Staff Writer

Disadvantaged families and individuals in the Niagara Region will be the big winners if a proposal to create a central emergency food bank becomes a reality.

About 1,800 cases per month were receiving emergency food assistance from charitable agencies and churches in the region in 1985, a seminar at Linhaven Home in St. Catharines Jan. 22 was told. Most of these people were receiving General Welfare and Family Benefits Allowance.

Sponsored by the Committee of Niagara Region and the Municipality of Niagara, the seminar set up a steering committee to investigate the possibility of such a service in Niagara.

Gary Snider, executive director for the Kitchener Food Pantry, said, "High rent costs are absorbing 60 to 70 per cent of people's living allowance leaving little for food expenses."

The food bank helps these people to meet these costs as well as maintaining their dignity as human beings.

Statistics

Statistics do not always give a true picture of what is happening in a community.

During the last recession (1981 to 1983), "The demand made by people seeking social services only showed an increase of three to four per cent in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. At the same time the demand for emergency food

supplements increased 12 to 20 per cent," Mr. Snider said.

In a 37-page report prepared for the Social Services Committee of Niagara Region, Michael D'Souza, a research consultant, said, "There is a need for an emergency food service within the region." He said the assistance given in 1985 would total more than a quarter of a million dollars.

On the Toronto scene, Sister Marie Tremblay outlined the formation of the Daily Bread Food Bank founded in 1983. It collects and stores food for use by its 41-member agencies serving Toronto's needy. Last summer Bruce Springsteen made headlines for his generous donation to the Daily Bread Food Bank, while he was in Toronto with his Born in the USA Tour.

Both Daily Bread and the Kitchener Pantry are self-supporting operations which rely on private contributions.

Daily Bread received a small grant to start from the city of Toronto but is now self-supporting, Sister Marie said. It has three paid staff members because of its size of operation. The remaining staff are all volunteers.

Food donations

"In 1985, Daily Bread collected and distributed 600,000 pounds of donated food to Toronto's needy," she said. "Our operating budget is at \$150,000, although last year our extra warehousing costs had risen above what we had allocated."

Mr. D'Souza said that given the meagre resources of community groups and churches, it is "a miracle" that the agencies and churches are meeting the Niagara peninsula's demand for emergency food assistance.

Many of the agencies have expressed an interest in developing a food bank in Niagara to more effectively collect donations, especially from industry, he said.

In the Niagara Region, Associated Services, the Salvation Army of St. Catharines, Community Resource and Action Centre and the Salvation Army of Welland, Community Care of Vineland, Co-Ordinate Emergency Services of Niagara Falls and a long list of church groups and other agencies offer food services.



Pine tree loses its top

A pine tree stands tall and straight next to the Simcoe Building in the sunken courtyard... Well it does not stand quite as tall as it did before Christmas. Now it has lost its top and is four feet shorter. But no, it is not vandalism.

Past experience has shown maintenance staff that radical cutting does not necessarily destroy trees. Ed Thompson, maintenance supervisor, said about eight years ago, Niagara had several of their evergreens topped by the thoughtless people in search of a cheap Christmas tree.

"Observing the trees and how they recovered to a robust, healthier condition opened the door for maintenance to apply this technique to improve other trees on the Niagara campus," Mr. Thompson said.

"So far the pruning program has led to healthier trees," he said. "There is a lower tree loss as a result

Photo by Joe McCarthy

The sparkle of Toronto at night

Suds flow at Atlas

Welland hotel brews its own with \$100,000 system

By MONTE SONNENBERG
Staff Writer

Two centuries ago, John Molson was heard to say that an honest brew makes its own friends. What was true then is true today, and if all goes according to plan, the Atlas hotel may well become the most popular bar in town as it nears completion of facilities that will make it Ontario's first genuine brew pub.

"Recent amendments to the Liquor Control Act allow brew pubs to operate in Ontario now," Moe Coutu, 28-year-old manager of the Atlas hotel on Southworth Avenue in Welland said last Monday.

"We are pleased to be the first to bring the time-honored tradition of local brewing back to the Niagara region.

"Brew pubs have enjoyed great success for centuries in England and we are sure that this traditional type of pub will become very popular in Canada."

The \$100,000 brew system is still under construction and can be seen behind plate-glass windows in the lobby of the hotel. The Atlas expects to tap its first mug of draught some time in late February.

The decision to go ahead with the brew pub was made about a year ago, Mr. Coutu said.

Cheaper

"I think if we could brew it any cheaper the big breweries would really be crying," Paul Dayboll, 26-year-old promotional director at the Atlas, said.

"We'll get slapped — at least we think we will — with the same taxes."

Other licensed establishments, particularly the English-style pubs in Toronto, claim to be brew pubs but really are not, Mr. Coutu said. The draught they serve is



Atlas spokesmen Moe Coutu and Paul Dayboll.

brewed privately off the premises and shipped to the pub where it is tapped from barrels.

"Going through the beer strike like we did certainly caused us a lot of trouble," Mr. Coutu said. "We made it through, but only after a lot of headaches. Our main reason is we hope to generate a lot of curiosity."

The Atlas does not intend to get rich from the new scheme, as the costs of home brew are unlikely to

be less expensive than dealing through major suppliers.

"Our customers will be able to watch the beer-making process from start to finish, taste a variety of beer and enjoy the unique and friendly atmosphere of a true brew pub."

The Atlas is near completion of contract negotiations that would bring an experienced brew master from England to oversee the process, Mr. Coutu said.

"Every step of the process is highly sensitive, so we'll need someone with experience to see it through. Brewing good beer is really an art."

Euchre winner

The first place winner of the progressive euchre tournament last Tuesday was Harvey Budd. He won a navy blue pullover.

"The tournament went well," Ann Buller, Student Administrative Council activities programmer, said. "We are definitely going to have another one just because of the success of this one and the number of people who signed up."

From Page One Buller

Winter Carnival and the monthly cabarets "which Ron had quite a bit to do with."

"Everything is finished except for the actual carrying out."

HUMBER STUDENT

Ann graduated from a three-year public relations course at Humber College. She was a member of the student government there for seven months and an administrative assistant with the Student Affairs Department.

In an interview in September, Ann said her main concern was that the students realize SAC was working for them. "They're paying me," she said. "The student government works for them and they've got to use it."

Ann admitted she would be leaving "quite a few" friends

behind whom she will be keeping in touch with. "They know who they are."

LIKES NIAGARA

Ann is pleased with the way the activities have gone and the attendance at most of the events. "I really like Niagara College."

Ann is not planning on taking a break. "I want to go right back to work," she said, but does not know if she will be staying in the area.

"I have several opportunities available to me at the moment. I haven't decided which one to take."

Ron said he would miss her. He has not had a chance to talk to the other SAC members about throwing Ann a going-away party yet.

Poul Thrane

Oil and watercolor enthusiasts can view the works of artist Poul Thrane this month at Hennepin Art Gallery. The opening will be Feb. 7 at 8 p.m.

A watercolor workshop will also be held Feb. 8; phone 734-7623, to register.

PHILOSOPHICAL VIEW

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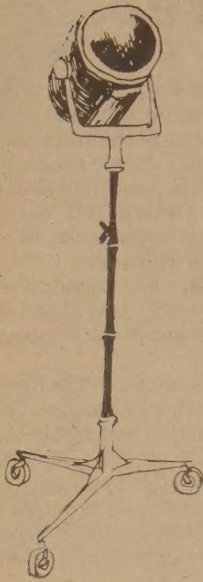
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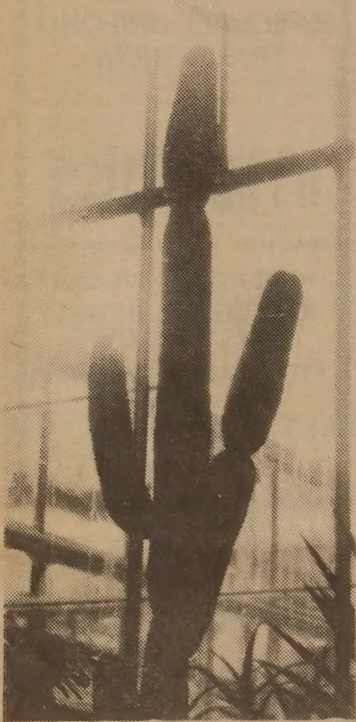


Outdoor class no obstacle for hearty students

Horticulture Centre

The two-year horticulture program provides broad and basic training with primary emphasis on ornamental horticulture. Greenhouse construction management, floriculture, nursery operations and landscape design are stressed, along with the study of pests and diseases, identification and use of ornamental plants, horticultural mathematics and English.

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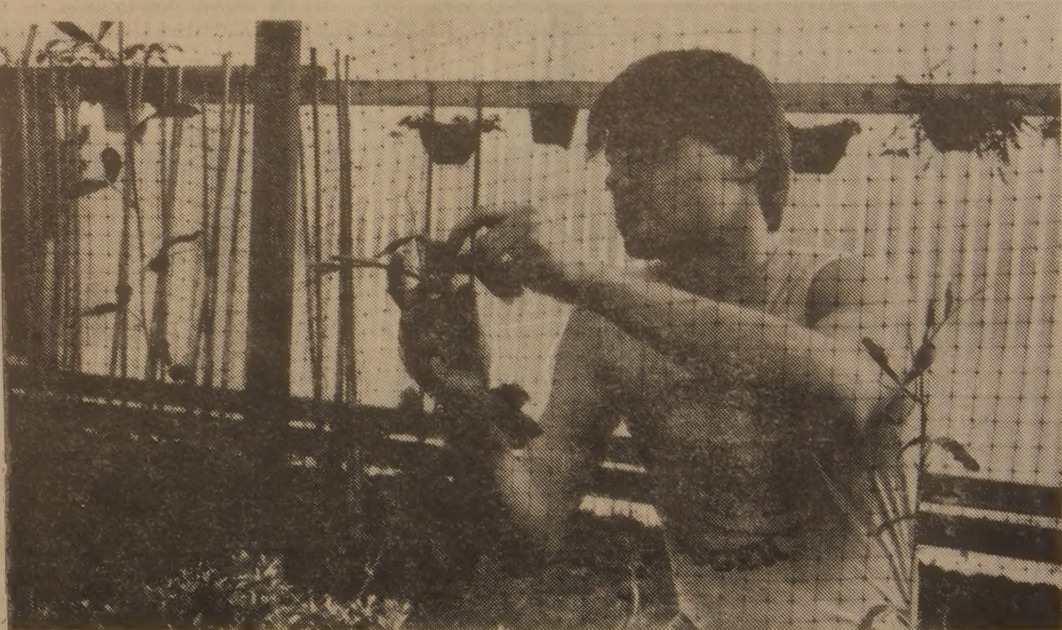
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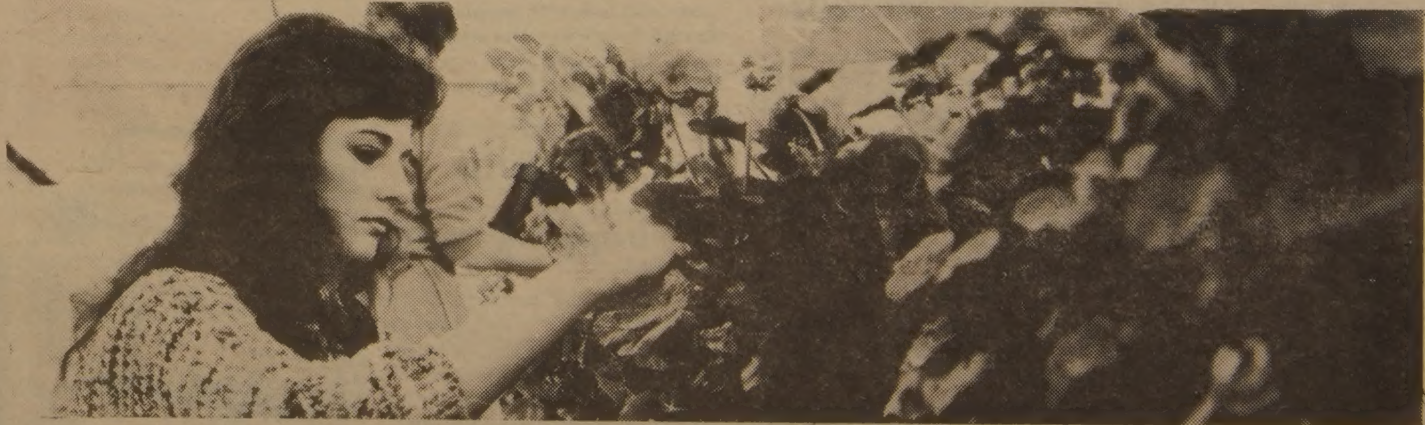
Intricate work



Green thumb in action



Preparations for the Open House start early and continue all year for dedicated students.



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Laser disc technology outdates video, microfilm library storage

BY MONTE SONNENBERG
Staff Writer

Video tape and microfilm are fast becoming obsolete means of storing information as libraries and resource centres across the continent discover the phenomenal possibilities of video laser discs.

In a demonstration of the new technology Jan. 23 to students of the library technician program, curriculum design representative Brian Green said each disc can store the information contained in 1,000 average-size novels or 2,000 floppy discs. Each disc, which operates on the same principles as compact laser discs available in record shops, consists of 54,000 numbered frames, any one of which may be recalled in less than two seconds.

WHOLE COLLECTION

"A library can keep its whole slide collection on one disc," Mr. Green said. "That's a whole room full of slide carousels. That's why libraries are so interested in this technology."

With each frame containing the information from one page, libraries could easily encode the entire contents of their holdings onto several discs, Mr. Green said, however, he said this may not be the most attractive way to read a book.

"The advantages outweigh the awkwardness of not being able to flip the pages," Mr. Green said. "Maybe it's not for libraries (in this capacity) but certainly it's for archives."

Mr. Green said the National Art Gallery in Washington, D.C., had encoded its entire holdings, with notes and a 20-minute documentary of the gallery, on to one 12 inch laser disc. An encyclopedia company likewise has encoded one



Brian Green of the Curriculum Design Unit displays a video laser disc which can store the contents of 1,000 average-size novels or 2,000 floppy computer discs.

Photo by Monte Sonnenberg

disc with the entire contents from one set of volumes.

An added advantage of the video laser disc, which cost from \$37 to \$6,000 depending on the time and effort involved to program it, is its durability, Mr. Green said.

"I could scratch it, throw it across the room, put it on the floor and stomp it and it would not be damaged."

BEST REPRODUCTION

The entertainment industry has already discovered the virtues of the video laser disc, whose high-fidelity reproduction surpasses that of still photography, Mr.

Green said. One movie company is marketing a murder mystery that does not reveal the identity of the culprit. It is left to the viewer to review the movie, frame by frame if one chooses, and mail the solution with the appropriate explanation to the producers. The first correct answer wins \$25,000.

The Welland Public Library has laser video players and 150 contemporary Hollywood films that are rented to the public, Mr. Green said. Six dollars rents six movies and a laser video disc player for a weekend.

"This is a well-kept secret," Mr. Green said. "They'll probably kill me for letting you in on it."

Top 10 singer plays area concert Feb. 7

Doug Cameron, a man who rose from rags to riches - from tuning pianos to an 18-city concert tour across Canada - will be playing his hit song *Mona with the Children* in a Niagara-on-the-Lake concert Feb. 7.

"An Evening with Doug Cameron" begins at 8 p.m. in the courthouse on Queen Street. Tickets are \$7 and are available at Sam's at the Pen Centre and on St. Paul Street, St. Catharines; A&A Records at Niagara Square, Niagara Falls; Virgil Arena, Virgil Video, The Video Gallery and the recreation department, Niagara-on-the-Lake, or by calling 468-2533.

A reception will be held after the concert to show Doug's video, *Mona with the Children*. The song deals with an Iranian girl who was tortured and executed for being of

the Bahai faith in Iran.

Doug wrote the tune to show the injustice of the situation, and played it for 10,000 people at the 1984 Bahai youth conference in London, Ontario. He never expected it to be in the top 10 on the charts for 10 weeks.

The video was taped in a Don Mills jail with a cast of 250, many of whom had been prisoners in Iran.

Doug's concert will be filmed by John Vatcher of Niagara College in conjunction with Cable 10. The film will be then available for in-house use at the college.

Anyone wishing to obtain information about the Bahai faith may pick up pamphlets at the concert.

Game room draws funds

The Welland Vale Senate is holding a 50/50 draw to raise money for a new activity room given to them by the school.

"We want to raise the money to buy a pool table or ping pong table," Jim Pringle, senate president, said.

The activity room is already equipped with two dart boards, chess and checker boards, crib boards and euchre.

The school gave the senate the room to use as a boardroom, Jim said. "We decided to use the room in the best interests of the students. The activity room is filled with students every day and is doing really well."

The draw will be held on Feb. 21 with half of the money going to the activity room's pool table and half going to the winner.

Tickets for the draw are three for \$1 or one for fifty cents.

To find employment

English as second language new citizens' first priority

By STEVE FORBES
Staff Writer

Calling a taxi may seem like a simple task, but being in a country and not knowing the language could turn that simple little task into a horrible, frightening experience.

"It is impossible to get around without being able to speak of the country," Donald Combe, a teacher of English as a Second Language at the Welland Vale Campus, said.

"It is very exciting to see people go from being able to say nothing to asking questions in a matter of a month," he said.

Mr. Combe has 20 students in the 24-week course who come from a very wide spectrum, but they all come for the same reason - they want to learn English.

"I have students who are illiterate in their own language to people who have PhD's. I have young and old students from every conceivable nation."

Barbara Soos, a 27-year-old student from Hungary, has been in the course for four months and finds it "very hard."

"English is very interesting for me," she said. "I like speaking to

the Canadian people and that is why I learn English."

Barbara will finish her course in two months and hopes her new English skills will help her find a job.

"I was a waitress in Hungary, but I don't know what is here for me," she said. "Maybe I will become a sales girl, but that won't be for a while yet."

"I like the stereos, videotapes, and the nice furniture that is a part of Canada; but most of all I like the free life."

Great attitude

Mr. Combe finds his teaching to be very rewarding because the students are motivated and receptive and all have great attitudes.

The course is made up into four parts; listening, reading, speaking and writing with listening being the first step towards communication.

Continuous intake places the students at different parts of the course and is a difficult problem Mr. Combe has to deal with when teaching.

"It is up to the students to decide whether or not they have achieved what they wanted," he

said. "They are the judges of their own progress."

Mr. Combe, who has been teaching since 1966, attended a Teachers of English as a Second Language Conference at the Toronto Convention Centre in November of last year.

"It is necessary to attend to make us aware of other ways to teach other than methods I use."

The conference, which is held annually, is made up of workshops, lectures, discussions, and book displays.

"It is most useful because you meet and talk with people who are trying to achieve the same thing I am and maybe have a solution that I have not thought of," he said.

Set up booths in shopping malls

Students and teachers in the construction engineering technology and surveying technician programs have set up booths in shopping centres in the Niagara Region to advertise and promote their programs.

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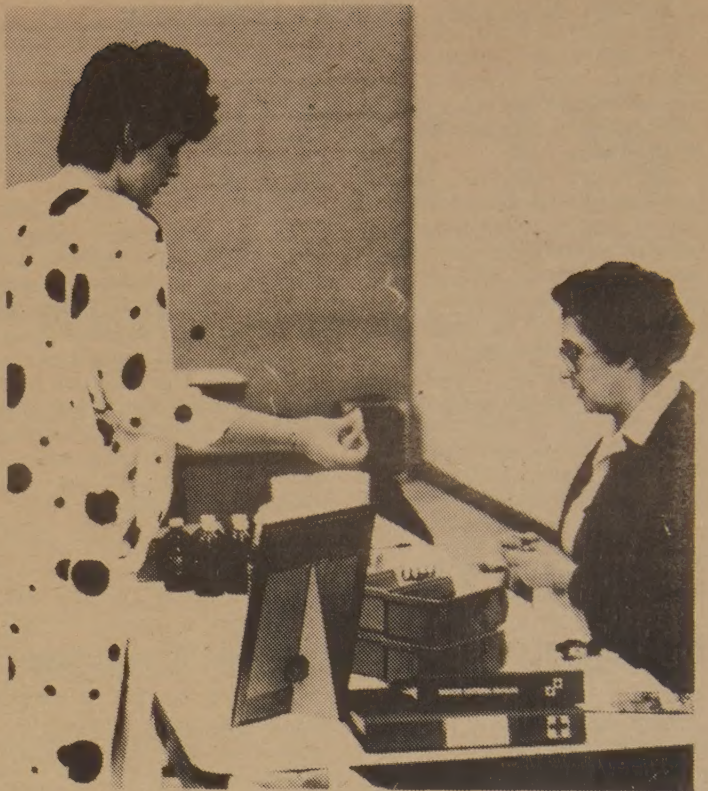


Giving the gift of life

A nervous student looks up unsurely as a Red Cross nurse prepares her arm for the needle. Niagara College's 16th annual clinic was a great success thanks to support from staff, students, and faculty who endured long lineups to give the

gift of life. Donors were required to rest for a period of time and encouraged to have refreshments provided by the Red Cross after giving blood.

Photo by Michelle Muylaert



'You're my type'

One of the first donors inspects her finger after being blood grouped, a procedure done to determine blood type. At this time students had read pamphlets containing the donor's criteria, the last step before giving blood.

Photo by Michelle Muylaert

Goodbye ceremonies for Niagara students

It is getting close to the end of another school year and 1986 graduates are planning their next move.

But before they leave, the college says, goodbye and goodluck.

Convocation ceremonies will be held June 14 at 10:30 a. m. for business and technology graduates and at 2:30 p.m. for applied arts and health science graduates, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said last week. The ceremonies will be held at Centennial Secondary school in Welland.

In the past, three convocation ceremonies have been held but after the merger of the schools of applied arts and health sciences, it was decided to go with two ceremonies, Miss Robarts said.

Wine and dine with Mark Twain

For those in search of a unique way to spend Valentine's Day evening, Press Theatre may have an idea.

Mark Twain, played by Michael E. Randall, will be the guest lecturer following cocktails and a dinner complemented by Niagara's finest vintage.

The gala event will be held in the Ontario Room, Parkway Inn, St. Catharines. Tickets are \$35 per person and reservations can be made through the Press Theatre, 684-8644, or 684-1133.

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Sponsored by Labatt's, the championship offers total prize money of \$7,000. First prize is \$4,000, second \$2,000 and third is \$1,000.

The championship is open to teams from each Ontario community college who have won their college's championship.

Those who would like to take part should contact Joanne Lane, Niagara College co-ordinator of the event, or Ann Buller, activities co-ordinator in the SAC office.

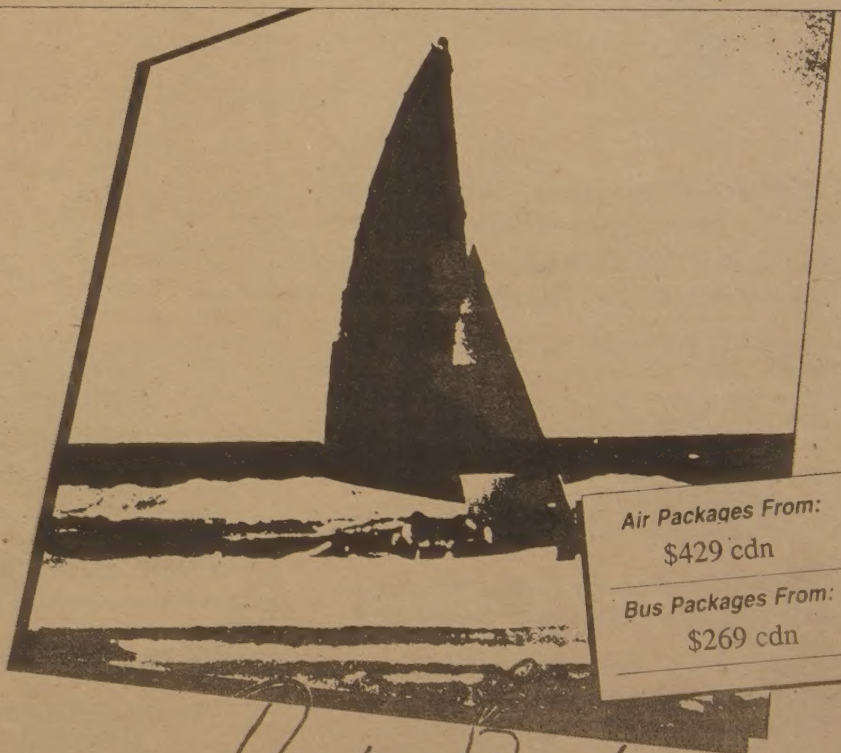
Teams are to consist of five members with a designated captain.

An elimination tournament to decide the Niagara College representative will be held during double lunch in the Hamilton Room. No date has been set.

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New signs, new names

To create less confusion for visitors, new students, and anyone who still gets lost, a new sign system at Niagara College is in the works.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said a better identification system, both inside and outside the college, is needed. The exact system has not yet been worked out.

The Board of Governors approved part of the plan: to change the names Lundy, Merritt and Simcoe building to Lundy, Merritt and Simcoe wing. And the Voyageur Block has become the Voyageur wing. It is all one building, Miss Robarts said.

Early Childhood Education students no longer go to class in the Brant Annex. The name Brant Annex has become the Early Childhood Centre. All name changes took effect Feb. 1.

The St. Catharines' campus, Welland Vale, will be given a new name. It may be difficult to persuade some people to go for the idea but staff and students are encouraged to make suggestions for a new name, Miss Robarts said.

As part of the plan, the system will be "bilingual to a certain extent," Miss Robarts said, and will help people find their way with much less difficulty.

Musical The Club to open at Theatre Centre

Auditions have been held for Niagara College Theatre Centre's production of The Club, which opens Feb. 25.

The musical brings with it guest director Jill McKechnie, and will be this season's first production at

Niagara with scenic art and set designs by Rod Hillier, who replaces Terry Nicholls as a Theatre Centre instructor.

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Teachers support jogging, maintain weight, well-being

Some people have taken a step up from walking. Jogging...a steady or an easy paced run alternating with breath-catching periods of walking.

This is one definition of jogging, but what do most people think of when they think of jogging? Shakespeare probably used the word first in The Winter's Tale, "Jog on, jog on the footpath way,

*And merrily hent the stile-a;
A merry heart goes all the day.*

Your sad tires in a mile-a."

The jogging fad emerged in the 1970s and is still going strong. What gives joggers the earnest desire to keep going? Through slush, snow and rain they trot, letting nothing short of a shin splint stop them.

No weight gain

Data processing and industrial management teacher Pat Delaney has been jogging since 1968. He jogs every day, an average of seven miles a day, because it allows him to live his kind of lifestyle — eating lots of food and desserts — without gaining weight.

Jogging does not necessarily mean losing weight.

"You have to burn off 3,500 kilo-calories of energy to lose one pound of body weight," Ian Haslam, assistant professor of physical education at Brock University, said. "This could be done by playing badminton for seven hours solid."

Jogging does help to maintain one's weight and keep it off. It seems to have an effect on the mind and emotional state of the jogger. People who jog will feel much more relaxed after they jog.

"It goes back to Jacobson's theory in the 1920s. If you tense a muscle it will return to a state more relaxed than before it was tensed," Mr. Haslam said. "Most people who jog would argue that it makes them more attentive, more relaxed and receptive to thinking skills."

Mr. Delaney said he feels better when he runs and feels exhilarated and full of life and energy after a run. He and Tony Backler, chairman of technology, jog together during free periods when their schedules coincide. They ran 2,400 miles last year.

Dr. J.E. Schmidt wrote a short article for Playboy magazine in the spring of 1976 which said jogging is okay for developing a "tanned outdoorsy look" but that



PAT DELANEY

it is detrimental to the sacroiliac joints, leg veins and, in the case of women, the uterus and breasts.

Mr. Haslam does not believe jogging is detrimental as most injuries come "as a result of people not being sufficiently prepared." Injuries such as shin splints are largely caused by inadequate footwear. A lot of joggers go out with inappropriate shoes that do not have enough padding between the sole and ground or support around the heel and toe, he said.

Then there are those who literally push themselves beyond their capability.

"Marathon runners who put that much stress on the joints of the knees and ankles will inevitably have difficulties with them," Mr. Haslam said.

Stopped jogging

Marathons used to be part of Mr. Delaney's lifestyle until he ripped a cartilage in his leg while helping to put up a roof. He had to stop jogging for eight months and quit his membership at Track Niagara, but he is back on the road again.



IAN HASLAM

"I'm going to keep running until the parts wear out," Mr. Delaney said.

Joggers must be careful of the prevailing weather conditions when they jog. Mr. Delaney suggests jogging into the wind for the first half of the jog and with the wind behind him on the return trip to prevent catching a chill.

"They say that if you go hard jogging on very cold days ice crystals form in the trachea which could cause fluid in the lungs and be very dangerous," Mr. Haslam said.

He recommends loose fitting clothing that is comfortable to wear as well as tights or long johns for keeping warm. A face mask or something to cover the ears and head, preferably a touque, are recommended with the mitts or gloves.

Proper technique

Mr. Delaney wears one of his many nylon rain-suits when he jogs. His wife says he has a better jogging wardrobe than his usual clothes.

There is a technique to jogging, Mr. Haslam said. The proper technique is to make contact with the ground first with the heel, allowing the shoe to take its full course right to the toe before putting the next foot down.

"You build yourself up to longer distances and as the distance increases, your body will adjust accordingly. Knees and ankles will get stronger," he said. He suggests spreading out jogging sessions over the course of a week, taking a day off inbetween.

Mr. Delaney has met other joggers while on the road and drivers beep their horns at him.

Mr. Haslam feels it is very important to jog with a friend.

"If it was a bit of a social occasion as much as a workout, it might be more enjoyable," he said.

Whether jogging with a friend or alone the effect could be an invigoration one... "a recuperative agent that makes you feel better," Mr. Haslam said.

Maybe this is what Shakespeare meant when he said,

*"A merry heart goes all the day;
Your sad tires in a mile-a."*

Tino Della Valle

Humidity control winter problem

By JOSEPH MCCARTHY
Staff Writer

The winter season adds another duty to Tino Della Valle's plant heating and cooling operator's job — humidity control.

During the heating season, winter poses some special problems for large buildings on the campus — the cold air outside is too dry for inside use.

Humidity control is important, not only for energy efficiency but also for human comfort.

Mr. Della Valle, who is filling for Albert Costello, said, "Basically it's for comfort but more importantly, it is easier to heat moist air than dry. Moist air holds the heat longer."

To keep the water used in the humidifiers free of contaminants, a combination of chemicals is used. Biocides are used to prevent the buildup of harmful bacteria while other chemicals are used to remove the chlorine which is corrosive to the equipment.

TENDERED OUT

"Services to provide the chemicals needed by the college are tendered out," Mr. Della Valle said. "The Burt Archer Company supplies all the chemicals used by the humidifiers. Honeywell Controls provide the systems to monitor and control the water supplies for the humidifiers."

Two types of humidifiers are used in the larger areas of the col-

lege, the trough type and the basin type.

In the trough type, water is dripped onto a honeycomb grid with air being pushed through the grid by powerful fans. In the basin type, water is stored in a reservoir and drawn by pumps up to a series of nozzles which produce a fine mist. Powerful fans push in large volumes of preheated air which pick the moisture and carry it by way of ducts throughout the college. The basin type reservoirs hold 1,350 gallons of water each, he said.

When your eyes feel as if they have sand in them, or the last door knob touched gave you a jolt of static electricity, then the air may be too dry.



Niagara forward Dave Gaskell provides a screen in front of Niagara University goaltender Tim Hulur. Hulur managed to get in front of this shot

but 12 got past him. The Knights defeated Niagara University 12-4.

Photo by Wayne Creighton

11 seconds apart

Quick goals pace Knights to lopsided victory

BY WAYNE CREIGHTON
Staff Writer

Goals 11 seconds apart by Rob Wyatt and Dennis Iamarino midway through the second period sparked the Niagara College men's hockey team to a 12-4 win over the Niagara University Purple Eagles.

The Knights led only 3-2 when Wyatt scored on a shot from the point at the 9:31 mark. The Knights took the ensuing face-off down the ice and Iamarino knocked home a rebound at 9:42 to give Niagara a three-goal bulge.

The game, played Jan. 24 in Hyde Park, New York, began slowly with each team playing sluggishly and making numerous mistakes. "We started out slowly in the first period," said

Knights' assistant coach Cam Wilson. The Knights were the first to capitalize on their opposition's mistakes. Darryl Nadeau and Mike Thoms scored to give Niagara a 2-0 lead. Mark Halliwell found himself alone in front and made no mistake to up the margin to three.

The Purple Eagles refused to quit and scored with only 40 seconds left in the first period and again just 52 seconds into the second to narrow the margin to 3-2. After the two quick goals the Eagles had a visible letdown. Bill Zazynski did score his second of the period but late goals by Cam Bedard and Doug Jones gave the Knights a 7-3 lead after two periods of play.

ALL NIAGARA'S

Niagara had play all to themselves in the third period, out-scoring the Purple Eagles 5 to 1. Thoms opened and closed the scoring to register the hat trick. Nadeau's second and point shots from Cam Huffman and Bob Thrower also beat Eagles' netminder Tim Hulur. Tim Kirkpatrick and Chris Alomy scored the other goals for Niagara University.

Coach Fred Bassi was pleased with the effort of his team but admitted it was tough playing a team like the Purple Eagles. "We did what we had to do to win," he said. "Niagara University, winless in league play, appeared more interested in starting fights than paying hockey after they fell behind."



The Niagara Knights swarm all around the by Mike Thom's three goal performance the Niagara University Purple Eagles net again. Led Knights swamped Niagara University 12-4.

Photo by Wayne Creighton

SPORTS

Victory not expected, victory not achieved

A poor first half was the determining factor in the Niagara Knights men's 75-46 basketball loss at the hands of Sheridan.

The Jan. 24 game was not expected to produce a Knight victory; however, co-coaches Russ Stevenson and Barry Golob felt the game should have been closer.

"They play a tough half court run and jump defence," Mr. Golob said. "They had the toughest defence we've seen all year."

Mr. Golob was upset that the point spread was so high, but noted the Knights played well defensively, allowing the top team in the league to score just 36 points. The only problem was the Knight offence was almost oblivious, hitting for only 15 points.

GREAT POISE

The Knights showed greater

poise in the second half, losing by only 8 points. Mr. Golob was not upset about the loss saying the Knights can afford to lose to teams such as Sheridan, Humber and Centennial, but said they must defeat teams such as Conestoga, George Brown, Seneca and Algonquin.

Mr. Golob said the entire Sheridan team looked like athletes and played like athletes. "They only have nine players, but all nine can play."

Frank Greco was the leading point-getter for Niagara with 13. Fred Jashanmal added 11 and Wayne Williams contributed 7.

The Knights play their next two games at home with Seneca coming on Thursday for a 7 p.m. game and two days later St. Clair will supply the opposition for an afternoon encounter, beginning at 3 p.m.

Knights blown out, lose 10th straight

By HEATHER RITCHIE
Staff Writer

Wednesday night was another blow-out for the women's basketball team. Just one more in an entire season of losses.

Pulled ahead

Seneca was leading 25-21 at half-time and pulled ahead in the second half to win 52-36.

Marcy Vanderzanden and Charlotte Prevost were high scorers for the Knights with 12 points each. But it just wasn't enough.

Marcy felt there was a lack of communication on court.

"We controlled the game in the first half, but lost it in the second," she said.

Coach Mizette Critelli is planning what she calls a "6-5 objective." The women have six practices and five games left in the season, and will attempt to meet this challenge.

The objective has not yet been decided upon, but Mizette and the team members will get together and plan a course of action.

The Knights are concerned with practising for next year since all hopes of playing in the final four have been dashed.

Curlers sweep to medals

The Niagara College faculty/alumni curling team and the college women's team were medal winners at the 1986 annual Hap Holman bonspiel at the Thistle Curling Club in Hamilton Jan. 26.

The faculty/alumni team skipped by Jim Meullboom, a former marketing student, placed second in their division, silver medal winners, and the women's team, skipped by Nancy Roach, placed third in another division, bronze medal winners.

Hot Hockey

The Niagara men's hockey team is hot. The knights have won six of their last seven league games and own a record of six wins and three losses. Their next game will be this Saturday when they play host to Niagara University.

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Tonto's Canadian nephew wins lead role in American film

By KAROLIN ALKERTON
Staff Writer

He wasn't picked out as being an instant success sitting in a soda shop sipping a float through a straw, but the ending is the same.

Brock Smith, a 21-year-old Oshweken resident, was minding his own business when he was offered a lead role in a film.

He was driving around in California with a group of friends when he did a double take in surprise. "There was this group of Indians in full costume and I was curious."

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One of the Indians talked to Brock when he found out Brock was Canadian. He asked whether Brock knew of the Six Nations Reserve and whether he had ever heard of Jay Silverheels, better known as Tonto on the Lone Ranger series.

He turned out to be Steven Carson, an Indian author originally from the prairies. He was unbelieving as Brock laughed and told Mr. Carson he lived on the reserve and Jay Silverheels was his uncle.

"Mr. Carson was surprised when I told him Jay was my father's brother," Brock said.

Impressed with the coincidence of Brock being "Tonto's" nephew, Mr. Carson offered him the lead role in the film version of his latest novel, Canadian Ben.



"SILVERHEELS"

Brock attended Brantford Collegiate Institute and upon finishing Grade 12 decided to go home for a while. Before his father died, Brock, his older brother, Scott, and sister, Wanda, lived in California with their parents.

He had intended to go to college to pursue an acting career but never did end up enrolling. Instead he worked for 18 months in California before he was offered the role.

"It was easy to get a good job and I enjoyed the money," he said.

Canadian Ben is a novel about a half-breed wanting to make a life out of the rodeo circuit and after a while the pursuit takes him to the Calgary Stampede. He also falls into the arms of a woman.

An American film company agreed to make the film provided a financial backer was found. But the original one died suddenly,

there was some difficulty finding another and everything had to be postponed, Brock said. He had hoped filming would begin last fall but because of these complications that date was set back also.

Brock said he had always had an interest in acting but none so great as now. He believes it was fate that Mr. Carson happened to talk to him that day and that they even met.

Silverheels

"He wants to change my name to Brock Silverheels in memory of my uncle," Brock said. "I'm pretty excited about the whole thing."

Since his return from California Brock has been taking acting classes preparing himself for things to come. So far he has had no formal experience.

"Although I've never acted before I've always been interested knowing it made my uncle famous," he said. "I'm sure I can do it if given the chance."

For Brock things couldn't have worked out better. His dream has come true.

Life is for living

Happy the man, and happy he alone.

He who can call today his own: He who, secure within, can say, Tomorrow do thy worst, for I have liv'd today.

John Dryden



You're the dirty rascal...

"I'm the king of the castle..." Bitter winter cold brings dreams of warm weather and spring games to mind for April Hayes, 10, and her sister, Samantha, 6. The girls play king of the ice castle on a mountain of parking lot snow.

Photo by Ellen Rodger

Alistair Gooden

Modern-day Merlin with exciting past

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At the end of a snow-filled lane lined with pines a century old, stands Union SS10, a one-room school house built in 1893. Located several miles east of Ren-ton on Highway 3, the renovated school house is home to a modern-day Merlin named Alistair Godden, a 55-year-old English emigre with a picaresque past.

Painter, metal sculptor, weaver of tales, and, above all, a man defiant of labels, Mr. Godden has created a micro-universe in the old school where the traditions of Renaissance man glide effortlessly amidst the gigantism of the post-industrial present.

The interior of the school house is festooned with creations ranging from turbulent sea-scapes painted in bold oils to hand-forged shields and breast-plates harking back to an age of Vikings and Rune stones.

"I had a bit of formal training — one year actually — when I was 14," Mr. Godden said. "It was a high-class joint in the U.K., but I didn't fit in too good."

Mr. Godden found the training at the Canterbury School of Art to his liking and instructors "first-rate."

Apprenticeship

After his stint at the art institute, he was granted an apprenticeship under a master copersmith and was trained in the creation of decorative fireplace inserts and ornate copper urns. The years Mr. Godden spent studying under accomplished artisans convinced him that persistence and

formal instruction are indispensable tools toward the realization of one's artistic potential.

"Most of all, you must be driven from inside to become an artist," Mr. Godden said; it helps to be able to ignore the criticism and the inevitable rejection of one's formative works.

As a young adult, Mr. Godden left England to see the world. In the early 50s, he performed a tour of duty with the British Armed Forces during the first Suez crisis in Egypt.

"The Middle East hasn't changed a bit since I was there," Mr. Godden said. "They're as crazy as ever, life is very cheap over there."

Arrived

Mr. Godden arrived in Canada to stay in the early 60s, having sailed the globe with the Merchant Navy through the 50s. He worked in research and development with Atlantic Aviations, a firm then experimenting with the possibilities of the hovercraft in Hagersville, Ont. In time, the company closed shop and moved on, but he decided to remain behind. Since then he has supported himself by doing custom work in specialty steels and through the sale of his paintings and metal art.

Further evidence Mr. Godden is special at his craft is found in his metal art. Simply through word of mouth, commissions pour forth requesting examples of his immense and powerful birds of prey. Eagles, owls, and hawks wrought from a variety of metals have come to roost in New York, California, the Northwest Territories, and points in between.

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